

HIGHER EDUCATION IN CANADA.

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THERE are indications in this country and in the United States of an increasing interest in the great work of Christian education, especially of higher or university education. There is a natural alliance between Christianity and intellectual development, and notwithstanding some apparent exceptions, it may be truly said that the Church of Christ has done more than all other agencies combined for the progress of learning, the quickening of popular intelligence, and the wide diffusion of knowledge. The great universities of the world have had a religious origin and have been endowed and built up by Christian beneficence. This holds good of America as well as of Europe. The history of the American colleges is interwoven in the closest manner with the history of the Churches of that land. Of this fact we have very prominent examples in Harvard, and Yale, and Amherst, and Princeton, and Dartmouth, in the Wesleyan University, in Brown University, the University of Rochester, the University of Syracuse, Union College, and many other American Colleges. The amount of property belonging to the denominational colleges of the great Republic was estimated a few years since at *sixty-eight millions* of dollars, and some millions have since been added, according to one recent statement not less than twelve millions during the past year. Such immense donations have led an able writer in the *North American Review* to say that the country has been visited by "an epidemic of liberality" in the matter of higher education. We should be glad to have this disease, like some other infections, find its way across the border. Indeed there are already marked traces of such a visitation. It is gratifying to be able to make mention, and it is only right and proper to make frequent and public mention, of munificent gifts like those of Mr. McLaren to Knox's College, of the Hon. Senator McMaster to the Baptist College, of Mr. Redpath to McGill, of Mr. Munroe to Dalhousie, of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and of Mr. Dennis Moore to Victoria.